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EXDIS

CINCPAC FOR ADMIRAL GAYLOR FROM AMBASSADOR

FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE WASHDC INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK FROM
AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE 12 SEP 74 (121140Z SEP 74):

QUOTE S E C R E T VIENTIANE 7068

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DEPT PASS CINCPAC FOR ADMINRAL GAYLER FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, CB, TH

SUBJECT: CONTRACT FOR AIR SUPPORT OF BKR

REF: BANGKOK 14466

1. ALTHOUGH VIENTIANE HAD RECEIVED SECDEF 091950Z SEP 74
WITH THE TEXT OF THE LETTERS TO CONGRESS ON THE SUBJECT
OF THE BIRD AIR CONTRACT IN CAMBODIA, BANGKOK 14466 WAS
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OUR FIRST INDICATION OF THE ROLE WHICH WAS ENVISAGED

FOR BIRD. THE DECISIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKEN WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH THIS MISSION RAISED VERY SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES HERE. BIRD HAS A CONTRACT WITH USAID TO PROVIDE HELICOPTER SUPPORT FOR AID OPERATIONS IN LAOS. GIVEN THE PARANOIA OF THE PATHET LAO, WE WILL HAVE CREATED REAL PROBLEMS FOR OURSELVES IF IT IS LEARNED HERE THAT BIRD IS INVOLVED IN QUASI MILITARY OPERATIONS IN CAMBODIA.

2. WE WILL BE COMMENTING MORE FULLY ON THIS PROBLEM BUT I WISH TO GO ON THE RECORD AT ONCE WITH REGARD TO THE GRAVE DIFFICULTIES I FORESEE IF AS ANTICIPATED THIS CONTRACT IS SURFACED IN THAILAND AND BIRD APPEARS TO BE A SUCCESSOR TO AIR AMERICA WITH ALL THAT CONNOTES.

3. DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO WISH PASS THIS MESSAGE AND BANGKOK 14466 TO USSAG AND PHNOM PENH. WHITEHOUSE UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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